1 (Previously Presented).   A method comprising:

receiving in a wireless communication network a message from a user of the portable communication device together with an instruction to eause the network to transmit the message at a predetermined time;

storing the message and the instruction on said network; and

transmitting the message from the network at the predetermined time.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

3 (Original).   The method of claim 1, further eomprising specifying the user defined event.

4 (Original).   The method of claim 3, wherein specifying the user defined event includes specifying the date and time for transmission of the message.

5 (Original).   The method of claim 3, wherein specifying the user defined event ineludes specifying an acceptable cost level at which the message is to be sent.

6 (Original).   The method of claim 3, wherein specifying the user defined event includes specifying an acceptable transmission power level at which the message is to be sent.

7 (Original).   The method of elaim 3, wherein specifying the user defined event includes specifying an acceptable security level at which the message is to be sent.

8 (Original).   The method of claim 3, wherein specifying the user defined event includes specifying an acceptable distance from a base station at which the message is to be sent.

Claim 9 (Canceled).

10 (Original). The method of claim 1, wherein transmitting the message includes wirelessly transmitting the message to a receiver and disabling a ringing function of the receiver.

Claims 11-23 (Canceled).

24 (Previously Presented).   An article comprising: a storage medium having stored thereon instructions, that, when executed by a computing platform, results in:

receiving in a wireless communication network a message from a user of the portable communication device together with an instruction to cause the network to transmit the message at a predetermined time;

storing the message and the instruction on said network; and

transmitting the message from the network at the predetermined time.

Claim 25 (Canceled).

26 (Original). The article of claim 24, wherein the instructions, when executed, further result in specifying the user defined event.

27 (Original). The article of claim 26, wherein the instructions, when executed, further result in specifying an acceptable quality of service level at which the message is to be transmitted.

28 (Original). The article of claim 26, wherein the instructions, when executed, further result in specifying an acceptable level of service level at which the message is to be transmitted.